TUTORIAL

Impervious Surface Analysis Tool (ISAT) for ArcGIS 10.x January 2013



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Introduction

The Impervious Surface Analysis Tool (ISAT), which is available as a geographic information system script, is used to calculate the percentage of impervious surface area within user-selected geographic areas (e.g., watersheds, municipalities, subdivisions). In small watersheds, the correlation between an increase in impervious surfaces and a decrease in water quality has been well established. Users can use the information derived from ISAT to predict how different management scenarios might impact local water quality.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Coastal Services Center has developed ISAT to help managers and planners make a determination about the impact of impervious surface coverage on local water quality. ISAT applies impervious surface coefficients to remotely sensed land cover data to determine the total and the percentage of impervious surface area within specified polygons. ISAT can also be used to demonstrate the effects of land cover change on a watershed's imperviousness. The coefficients in ISAT were developed to be used with the NOAA Coastal Services Center's Coastal Change Analysis Program (C-CAP) land cover data, but can be modified for use with various types of land cover data or to match the land cover/land use practices within a specific geographic region.

Although this tutorial describes the basic operations of the ISAT tool, it does assume the user has an intermediate level of familiarity with standard ArcView functionality and a basic understanding of land cover data. For more detailed information on C-CAP land cover data, please refer to the C-CAP Web site at www.csc.noaa.gov/crs/lca/.

Setup Instructions for Installing ISAT

When you downloaded ISAT, you received a zip file containing **ISAT Toolkit.tbx** (an ArcGIS custom toolbox) and the sample data files required to walk through this tutorial. Create a *C:/ISAT_Tutorial* directory and extract the files into this folder.

- 1. To add the ISAT tool to ArcMap, double-click the *ISAT_Tutorial.mxd* map project located in the Tutorial folder at *C:/ISAT_Tutorial*.
- 2. Open the **ArcToolbox** sidebar and dock it so that it displays in the ArcMap user interface.
- 3. In the ArcToolbox sidebar right-click on the ArcToolbox folder at the top and select Add Toolbox. Navigate to the C:/ISAT folder and select ISAT Toolkit.tbx. The ISAT tool will now be added as a custom Toolbox.
- 4. Expand the ISAT Toolbox in ArcToolbox to view the custom scripts.

Note: The Spatial Analyst Extension must be turned on for the ISAT tool to work.

Required Layers

Specific data is required to run the ISAT Tool in ArcGIS. The sample data provided in this tutorial describes the necessary data in detail and should be used as a guide when obtaining data for use in other areas. The processes in this Tutorial can be recreated for any area depending on data availability.

- 1. Analysis Theme shapefile that contains polygons of the areas you want to analyze.
- 2. Land Cover Grid land cover data.
- 3. Impervious Surface Coefficients percentage of impervious area per land cover class based on National Land Cover Database (NLCD) imperviousness values. (*Note: These coefficients will be derived as an example in the Tutorial and the process can be repeated for other areas.*)

Obtaining the Data

The Tutorial data provided is sufficient for learning the ISAT tool but the below data resources can be used to obtain datasets for performing ISAT analyses for your own study area. The resources below cover two of the required data components for running the ISAT tool. The Analysis Theme polygons data is entirely up to the user and can be provided by a host of data sources.

C-CAP Land Cover Change Data

The land cover data used in this Tutorial was downloaded from the NOAA Coastal Services Center Digital Coast website (http://www.csc.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/). C-CAP data is available for the coastal intertidal areas, wetlands, and adjacent uplands of the contiguous U.S., Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Hawaii, and the Pacific Islands territories. There are many dates available to be used for comparison of land use change over time as well as multiple resolution

options. The Tutorial data set is located in New Jersey, has a horizontal resolution of 30 meters, with a spatial reference of the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83). To download C-CAP data for your area please refer to the options available at the web page http://www.csc.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/data/ccapregional/download.

NLCD2006 Percent Developed Imperviousness

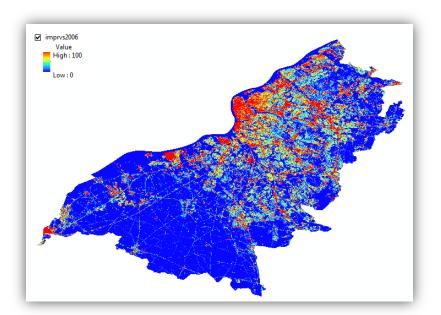
The land cover imperviousness coefficients used in this Tutorial are derived from a dataset contained in the Multi-Resolution Land Characteristics Consortium's (MLRC) National Land Cover Database for 2006 (NLCD2006). The database includes the NLCD2006 Percent Development Imperviousness raster layer which is used in conjunction with the C-CAP land cover data to derive imperviousness coefficients for high, medium, and low population scenarios. This layer is a nationally available data set that is updated on a five year cycle. The product has a 30 meter horizontal resolution and has an Albers Conical Equal Area projection. Once obtained the layer should be projected to the same coordinate system or projection as the project land cover data. To download the national dataset navigate to http://www.mrlc.gov/nlcd06 data.php and download the NLCD2006 Percent Developed Imperviousness data from the Product Data Downloads section. The coefficient derivation process used in this Tutorial can be applied to other study areas.

ISAT Tutorial

Add Data

The required datasets have been downloaded for use in this tutorial. All data and necessary files are located in the ISAT_Tutorial folder that was saved to your C: drive. The data layers have been clipped to the study area and have all been projected to match the land cover data projection using ArcToolbox functions.

- 1. Open the **ISAT_Tutorial.mxd** map project if it is not already open.
- Expand and review the njccap06 layer in the Table of Contents. This is C-CAP land cover data for the New Jersey area collected in 2006 at a 30-meter resolution. There are 21 land cover types in this data set.
- Click the Add Data button and add the imprvs2006 data set from the ISAT_Tutorial folder to the map. This is the NLCD imperviousness layer for 2006, also collected at a 30-meter resolution.
- 4. Change the symbology for the **imprvs2006** layer from black and white to a red-to-blue color scheme. See image below. Note the red areas are areas of high imperviousness near 100%.



- Add the Analysis Theme polygon. Navigate to the Tutorial folder and add
 NJ_HUC14.shp to your map. This is the analysis layer that will be used to determine imperviousness for areas based on hydrologic codes, or HUCs.
- 6. Turn all layers off except for **imprvs2006** in preparation for the next steps.
- 7. Save your map.

Create the Imperviousness Coefficients

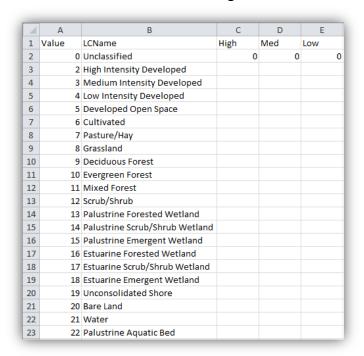
The NLCD2006 Imperviousness raster layer will be used in this step to create the imperviousness coefficients necessary to run ISAT. ArcMap and Microsoft Excel will be used to create the spreadsheet that is referenced by ISAT. The coefficients will be generated for each land cover type and high, med, and low population statistics.

NOTE: If you already have imperviousness coefficients for your study area in an acceptable format proceed to the next section of the tutorial. The coefficient attributes MUST be formatted like the example below in order for ISAT to run.

- 1. Open a new Microsoft Excel spreadsheet. Name the file **LC_ISvalues** and save the file type as a **.csv** in your ISAT Tutorial folder.
- 2. Format the coefficients spreadsheet for ISAT. In the first row type the following text into the A,B,C,D, and E columns. Value, LCName, High, Med, Low. In row two type in the following text into the A,B,C,D, and E columns. 0, Unclassified, 0, 0, 0. See image below for help.

\mathcal{A}	Α	В	С	D	Е
1	Value	LCName	High	Med	Low
2	0	Unclassified	0	0	0

- 3. Add land cover class names and values to the spreadsheet. Right-click on the njccap06 layer in the Table of Contents and select Open Attribute Table. Using the Table Options dropdown in the attribute table select Export. Save the Output Table as Ic_names.dbf and save to your Tutorial folder making sure to select dBASE Table for the Save as Type option. Do not add the table to the current map when prompted.
- 4. Open the **lc_names.dbf** file using the Excel project you already have open. Be sure to select .dbf as the file type to open or you won't see the table in your folder.
- Click on the View tab in Excel. Click the Arrange All button to view both excel projects side-by-side. Choose the Vertical option when prompted for display options.
- In the Ic_names spreadsheet click and drag to select the land cover values from cells A2 to A22. Right-click on the selected cells and select Copy. Paste the values into the LC ISvalues spreadsheet at cell A3.
- 7. Scroll over to the CLASS_NAME row in Ic_names and copy the land cover class names starting at F2 and ending at F22. Paste the data into LC_ISvalues in the B3 cell so they are listed next to their corresponding class values. Your LC_ISvalues spreadsheet should now look identical to the image below.



- 8. **Save** the **LC_ISvalues** spreadsheet but keep it open. Close the **lc_names** spreadsheet without saving. The LC_ISvalues spreadsheet is now formatted properly for ISAT and is ready for the coefficients to be added.
- 9. Next, you will use ArcToolbox tools to create the coefficients using the tutorial data.
- 10. Maximize your map. Open the ArcToolbox sidebar if necessary and dock it in your map window.
- 11. A population statistics layer is required for this analysis. Click **Add Data** and add the **NJ_PopData** polygon layer from your ISAT_Tutorial folder. Right-click on the layer in

the Table of Contents and select **Open Attribute Table**. Scroll through the attributes and scan the information. The data contains a variety of population information for municipalities and is generally publicly available for download for most geographic locations.

12. Scroll over to the **POP2000** attribute column. You will use this to base your population parameters on for the imperviousness coefficients.

NOTE: The values used in this tutorial are not to be considered as the standard for use. The values are completely up to the ISAT user and can vary for location and desired analyses results.

13. Right-click on the POP2000 attribute column header and select Statistics. The Frequency Distribution table in the statistics is where you would analyze the population distribution and decide on the High, Medium, and Low population parameters for the imperviousness coefficients. Ideally, you would locate breaks in the population ranges to determine the breakpoints. For this data set you will use the following breakpoints.

High > 10,000 Medium <10,000 and >2500 Low <2500

- 14. Close the statistics table. Remaining in the NJ_PopData attribute table click Table Options and select Select by Attributes. Create a new selection on the layer that reads "POP2000" > 10000. This will select all of the HIGH population areas to be used for the imperviousness coefficients development. Click Apply.
- 15. Close the Attribute Table and examine the data layer to see the selected polygons with a **HIGH** population designation. Toggle the **NJ_PopData** layer on and off with the **imprvs2006** layer to see how high population density corresponds with imperviousness.
- 16. Right-click on the **NJ_PopData** layer in the Table of Contents and select **Export Data**. Save the selected features to your ISAT_Tutorial folder and name the layer **NJPopHigh**. Click **OK**. Add the layer to the map when prompted. Turn off the **NJ_PopData** layer. Clear all selected layers in the map.
- 17. In the ArcToolbox sidebar navigate to the **Spatial Analyst Tools > Zonal** toolbox and double-click the **Zonal Statistics as Table** tool. Populate the tool parameters with the inputs below.

Input raster or feature zone data: njccap06

Zone field: VALUE

Input value raster: imprvs2006

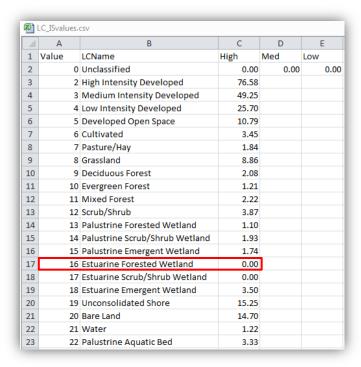
Output table: C:\ISAT Tutorial\NJpopHigh

Leave the other options at their defaults. Click on the **Environments** tab at the bottom of the tool interface. Expand the **Processing Extent** section. From the **Extent** dropdown choose the **Same as layer NJPopHIGH** option. Click **OK**. Click **OK** again to run the tool.

18. An output table named NJpopHIGH will be added towards the bottom of your Table of Contents. Right-click the table and select Open. Identify the MEAN column. These values represent the imperviousness coefficients for the High population land cover types. The VALUE row represents the class name codes that will be used to link the coefficients to the land cover types found in the LCISvalues spreadsheet.

NOTE: Count down through the **VALUE** attribute column from **2** to **22** noting any missing values. The land cover class names that correspond with the values should all be accounted for. Notice that as you count through the rows from **2** to **22** that the value **16** is missing. This is very important to note as it can cause improper coefficient values if not adjusted. Maximize the **LC_ISvalues** worksheet and see which land cover class name corresponds to the class name value of **16**. The value of **16** should correspond to the **Estuarine Forested Wetland** land cover type. This means that during the analysis there was no **Estuarine Forested Wetland** found in the analysis theme area and was therefore omitted. In the next steps you will adjust the coefficients worksheet for this but it is very important to note and address any omitted land cover types for future analyses. If using your own data there may be other land class types omitted if they are not present within the analysis theme polygon area.

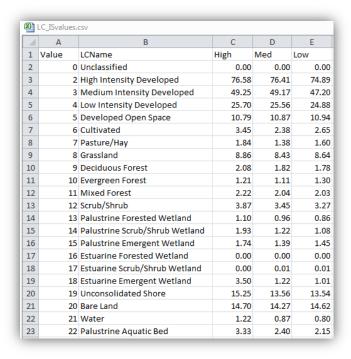
- 19. Click the **Table Options** dropdown and select **Export**. Save the table as **LC_High.dbf** to the ISAT_Tutorial folder making sure to select the **Save as Type** as **dBASE Table** from the dropdown option. Click **OK** to export the table. Do not add the table to your map when prompted.
- 20. Maximize your LC_ISvalues.csv worksheet. Select File > Open, navigate to the ISAT_Tutorial folder and open the LC_High.dbf table. On the Main Menu in Excel select the View tab. Click the Arrange All function to view the two files side-by-side. Choose the Vertical option when prompted.
- 21. Select and copy the cells in the **MEAN** column in **LC_High.dbf** starting at **G2** and ending at **G21**.
- 22. Paste the data into cell C3 of the LC ISvalues worksheet.
- 23. Fix the coefficient for the omitted land cover class, **Estuarine Forested Wetland**, from step 18. Right-click in the cell to the right of Estuarine Forested Wetland in the LC_ISvalues worksheet and select **Insert > Shift Cells Down**. Click **OK** to shift the cells down.
- 24. Type a **0** in the **C16** empty cell. The coefficients worksheet is now complete for the High Population analysis scenario.
- 25. Format the cells. Click and drag over the C,D, and E column headers above the High, Med, and Low entries to select the entire contents of the columns. Right-click and select Format Cells. For the Category select Number and select the default at 2 decimal places. Click OK.
- 26. Make sure your worksheet looks identical to the image below up to this point. Note the red box illustrating the replaced **Estuarine Forested Wetland** value. **Save** your worksheet.



27. Repeat the coefficient derivation process for the **Medium** and **Low** population breakpoints. Starting at step **14** in this section of the tutorial repeat the process first for the Medium category population parameters (**Medium <10,000 and >2500**) and then finally for the Low population category (**<2500**).

NOTE: Remember to check for any missing land cover classes by scanning the **Value** list in the Zonal Statistics by Output tables and comparing them with the LCName column in LC_ISvalues! There should be no numeric break between **2** and **22**.

28. Review your LC_ISvalues coefficients worksheet for use in ISAT. Your LC_ISvalues worksheet should look identical to the image below after calculating and adding in the **Medium** and **Low** population imperviousness coefficients. Make sure of this before moving on to the next steps.



Run a Basic Analysis using the ISAT Tool

All of the necessary data is now available to run the ISAT tool. Some additional data sets provided for you will be used in this section for the reclassification scenarios. These data may or may not be required depending on your use of ISAT.

- Prepare your map display for ISAT analysis. In the Table of Contents make sure your view is the List by Drawing Order view. Remove the NJ_PopData, NJPopLow, NJPopMedium, and NJPopHigh layers from your map. Remember, the NJ_HUC14 analysis theme layer has already been added to your map.
- 2. Turn off all layers in your map project except for NJ HUC14 and niccap06.
- 3. Run the ISAT tool. Double-click the **ISAT with Change Scenarios** script in the ArcToolbox sidebar.
- 4. Populate the script interface with the following parameters.

Input Raster: njccap06

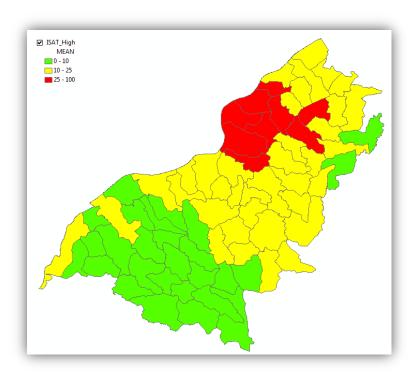
Statistical Zone Layer: NJ_HUC14
Statistical Zone Field: HUC14

Coefficient File: C:\ISAT Tutorial\LC ISvalues.csv

Class of Coefficients to Use: High

Output Layer: C:\ISAT _Tutorial\ISAT_High.shp

5. Click **OK** to run the ISAT tool. The **ISAT_High** layer will be added to your map and should look similar to the image below.



The default legend applied to the new theme indicates the potential impact to water quality based on the estimated percentage of imperviousness within each analysis field. Green areas correspond to <10% impervious surface (Protected), yellow areas correspond to 10%-25% impervious surface (Degraded), and red areas correspond to >25% impervious surface (Impacted).

NOTE: The above symbology for the ISAT output layers will not be applied if you choose to remove the layer from the map and then add it back in later. One solution to this is to export the layer as a LYR file which will capture and maintain the symbology. Once you have a LYR file you can import the symbology in the layer properties and apply it to any previous ISAT runs. A sample LYR file for the ISAT symbology above can be located in your ISAT_Tutorial folder (ISAT_Symbology.lyr).

6. Right-click **ISAT_High** in the table of contents and click **Open Attribute Table** to analyze the results of the analysis.

The attribute table contains several new columns for each analysis, two of which you are primarily interested in: **AREA_1** and **MEAN**. **AREA_1** is the total impervious area within each analysis field. Note that this is in square meters, as the projection of the data and data frame properties are in meters. This value can be easily converted to acres or miles depending on needs by adding a field to the attribute table and using the field calculator. You can query the imperviousness of each polygon based on the coefficients for each land cover class by selecting and viewing the attributes. **MEAN** is the percentage of impervious surface within each analysis field. This can also be queried for each individual polygon from the analysis theme. The

standard deviation (**STD**) and sum (**SUM**) statistics are also generated by ISAT and may be of some use for additional analyses.

7. **Close** the **ISAT_High** layer attribute table and **Save** your map project.

You have now completed a basic ISAT analysis. Note that this analysis was performed using the **High** class of coefficients from your **LC_ISvalues** worksheet. The same process can be applied using the **Medium** or **Low** coefficients by changing the parameters in the ISAT tool **Class of Coefficients to Use** dropdown. The additional analyses can be useful for comparing scenarios based on population parameters and their corresponding imperviousness coefficients. The ISAT tool also has an additional **Population Layer and Breakpoints** option (optional). To utilize this function the **Calc** option must be selected from the **Class of Coefficients to Use** dropdown. This will activate the optional function in which the **Population Field, Low Breakpoint**, and **High Breakpoint** population parameters can be defined for data set containing population information.

Apply a Change Scenario (Reclassification) using the ISAT Tool

Now that you are familiar with the basic functionality of the **ISAT with Change Scenarios** script you can explore the more advanced functionality. The **Apply Change Scenarios** function is a great tool for analyzing imperviousness before and after land use change scenarios. Some additional data sets provided for you will be used in this section for the reclassification scenarios. These data may or may not be required depending on your use of ISAT.

- Add additional data used for ISAT change scenarios. Click Add Data and add the Golf_Course.shp and Development.shp layers from your ISAT_Tutorial folder. These layers will be used as the land use reclassification scenarios.
- Turn off all layers except for Golf_Course, Development, and njccap06. Notice the shapes and locations of the proposed land use change scenarios. Toggle the layers on and off to note the C-CAP land cover classes beneath them.
- 3. Run the ISAT tool. Double-click the **ISAT with Change Scenarios** script in ArcToolbox to open the interface.
- 4. Populate the script with the following parameters.

Input Raster: njccap06

Statistical Zone Layer: **NJ_HUC14** Statistical Zone Field: **HUC14**

Coefficient File: C:\ISAT Tutorial\LC ISvalues.csv

Class of Coefficients to Use: High

Output Layer: C:\ISAT Tutorial\ISAT HighReclass.shp

 Apply the change scenarios. Expand the Apply Change Scenarios option in the tool interface. Drag and expand the tool interface window to see the all of the options. Click the Class Field dropdown and select CLASS NAMES.

- 6. In the **Poygon Layer** dropdown select **Development** from the choices.
- 7. For the **Reclassify as Class** option select **High Intensity Developed** from the dropdown.
- 8. Return to the **Polygon Layer** option this time selecting **Golf_Course** from the dropdown. For the **Reclassify as Class** option select **Developed Open Space** from the dropdown.

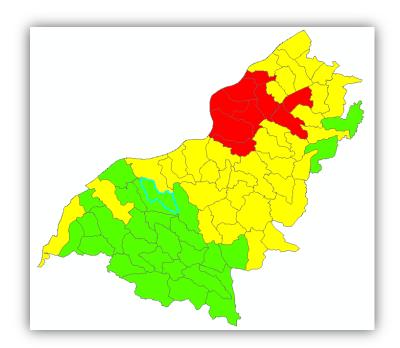
Notice that both of the change scenarios are now listed in the **Reclassifications** area. The **Apply Change Scenarios** option has the ability to do one or many reclassifications and integrate them into the ISAT tool simultaneously. When using your own data this option may be very useful to you. Note that it is wise to have the change scenario shapefiles in the same projection as the rest of your map data.

- 9. Leave the **Fill NODATA Cells** unchecked at its default. For more information on this function click the **Show Help** button at the bottom of the tool interface.
- 10. Run the tool. Click **OK** to run the ISAT tool. This process may take a few seconds longer than the basic ISAT analysis. The **ISAT_HighReclass** layer will be added to your map. Make sure it is above the **ISAT_High** layer in your Table of Contents.
- 11. Compare the outputs. Toggle the **ISAT_HighReclass** layer on and off to compare to the **ISAT_High** layer.

NOTE: The ISAT run did not add a new reclassified C-CAP land cover layer into your map display. This layer is deleted as an intermediate step within the scripts. However, this layer could be useful for other analyses and for viewing the land cover changes within the land cover data set. To produce this dataset use the **Reclass Land Cover by Polygon** tool found within the ISAT Toolkit in ArcToolbox. This is a custom script that will generate a new land cover layer with the reclassification scenarios and class name symbology applied.

Notice that the area designated for the **Development** change scenario changed three polygon percentages of imperviousness from **0-10%** to **10-25%** which may be considered "degraded" in terms of imperviousness. The golf course change scenario did not change the classification of imperviousness for its area likely due to the golf course area will add minimal imperviousness or may even decrease the imperviousness by adding vegetated open space areas based on the change scenario you selected.

12. Examine the statistics to determine change in imperviousness percentage. Turn on only the **ISAT_High** layer. Using the **Select** tool click the analysis theme polygon shown in the image below.



- 13. Right-click the layer and open its attribute table. Find the selected polygon in the attribute table by scrolling or choose the **Show Selected Records** only option at the bottom of the attribute table. Locate the **MEAN** attribute column and note that the percentage of imperviousness for this area was calculated at **5.04%** for the basic ISAT run without the change scenario.
- 14. Close the attribute table for **ISAT_High** and clear all selected layers. Turn on the **ISAT_HighReclass** layer and use the **Select** tool to select the same analysis them polygon area as in the previous step.
- 15. Right-click and open the attribute table. Find the selected polygon in the table again and locate the **MEAN** statistic. The **MEAN** percentage imperviousness for the same area is now **24.55%**.

This ISAT change scenario analysis shows that the **Development** change scenario could cause a **20%** percent increase in imperviousness for the selected area. The power of the ISAT tool lies in being able to do the land use cover change scenarios and compare areas that may be impacted by an increase in imperviousness.

16. If time permits, perform the same statistics analysis for the proposed **Golf_Course** change scenario and calculate the increase or decrease of imperviousness based on the **MEAN** values.

Appendix

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